

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to communications filed on 6/23/08.
2. Claims 1-14, 17 have been cancelled.
3. Claims 15 and 18 have been amended.
4. Claims 15-16 and 18 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Williamson on 6/30/08.

In The Specification:

Page 11, Line 19: Change "1004" with –1004b—before "are contained"

Page 14, Line 10: Insert –2007—after "The menu may include such items"

Page 23, Line 16: Change "3001" with –3011—after "memory card"

In The Claims:

Claim 15, Line 27: Insert –one of—before "a USB interface and an IEEE 1394 interface."

Claim 18, Line 19: Insert –the—before "memory card in said detecting step;"

Claim 18, Line 21: Insert –the—before “memory card in said detecting step;”

Claim 18, Line 26: Insert --one of—before “a USB interface and an IEEE 1394 interface.”

The following is an **examiner's statement of reasons for allowance**:

Applicant argues that neither Oprescu nor Ishikawa teaches power control for two interfaces conforming to two different specifications. Since all connected peripherals conform to a single interface specification, power distribution over the peripherals is unifiedly controlled in both Oprescu and Ishikawa.

Examiner agrees that power control for connected peripherals for two different specifications, along with other limitations in the claimed invention, is not disclosed in the cited art. Although Ishikawa's invention is applicable to both 1394 and USB peripherals (column 26, lines 25-30), Ishikawa does not disclose two distinct interfaces in an apparatus with two different specifications for power control.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FAHMIDA RAHMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-8159. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 -6:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached on 571-272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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